

Criteria for Awards and Scholarships

Alpha Nu Chapter

Awards and scholarships are presented each year to recognize those whose contributions to nursing fulfill the goals of Sigma Theta Tau. Recipients will be selected by members of the Awards and Scholarships Committee and the Executive Board. The awards and scholarships are presented at the annual induction and awards ceremony.

Individuals apply for the scholarships. Individuals may nominate themselves or any other member for the excellence awards by submitting the name to the Scholarship and Awards Committee Chairs, who will forward paperwork requirements to the nominee.

The awards and scholarships categories are:

1. Academic Scholarship: Any Alpha Nu member who is enrolled in a master's degree program in nursing or a doctoral program may apply for this \$1000 scholarship.
2. Research Scholarship: Any Alpha Nu member who is conducting a research project may apply for this \$1000 scholarship.
3. Award for Excellence in Nursing Practice:
 - Demonstrates breadth of knowledge in area of clinical nursing practice
 - Develops creative approaches to nursing practice that contribute to quality nursing practice
 - Possesses clinical expertise and attributes of a clinical scholar
 - Advances the scope and practice of nursing
 - Serves as a mentor/preceptor that inspires peers' practice of nursing
 - Influences the practice of nursing through communication
 - Enhances the image of nursing through nursing practice
 - Participates in community affairs, legislation or organizations that affect nursing practice
4. Award for Excellence in Research
 - Conducts distinguished research in nursing
 - Communicates nursing research findings
 - Writes scholarly works related to nursing theory and/or nursing research
 - Gives evidence of a history of nursing research activities
 - Encourages research activities within Sigma Theta Tau, nursing and/or the public
5. Award for Excellence in Nursing Education
 - Demonstrates excellence in teaching
 - Advances the science of nursing through clarifying, refining and/or expanding the knowledge base of nursing
 - Influences scholarly development in nursing education, practice and/or research through teaching
 - Promotes a theory/research base for nursing curricula and nursing practice
 - Influences the professional practice of nursing through excellence in teaching
6. Award for Excellence in Nursing Leadership
 - Receives local, national and/or international recognition as a leader in nursing
 - Influences leadership in nursing through visionary and innovative approaches to leadership
 - Creates an environment that enhances the image of nursing/nurses
 - Participates in the development of nursing leaders